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Organizational matters

Annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the second regular session 29 and 30 August 2017

Note by the Executive Board secretariat

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Annotations

Item 1
Organizational matters

The Executive Board will adopt the agenda and workplan for its second regular session of 2017, agree on the agenda and workplan for the first regular session of 2018 and discuss the draft annual workplan for 2018. The Executive Board may also adopt the report on its annual session of 2017, held on 27 and 28 June 2017.

Documentation

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Annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the second regular session of 2017 (UNW/2017/L.4)

Proposed provisional agenda and workplan for the first regular session of 2018 (UNW/2017/CRP.8)

Draft annual workplan for 2018 (UNW/2017/CRP.9)

Report on the annual session 2017 (UNW/2017/5)

Item 2
Strategic Plan

The Executive Board will be presented with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) Strategic Plan 2018-2021. The Strategic Plan 2018-2021 articulates UN-Women's priorities and approaches in support of achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. It underscores the integrated nature of UN-Women's role in normative support, UN coordination and operational activities, as defined by its founding resolution, and outlines how these three pillars are interdependent and mutually reinforcing in support of results for women and girls.

The Strategic Plan 2018-2021 is founded on key intergovernmental norms and standards and supports the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and contributes to the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It is also guided by the recommendations and agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and other relevant intergovernmental outcomes. Orientation for the plan is provided by the General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) of operational activities for the UN system. The plan reflects lessons learned in implementing the Strategic Plan 2014-2017, conclusions from its midterm review and recommendations from independent evaluations and external assessments.

Documentation

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) Strategic Plan 2018-2021 (UNW/2017/6)

Item 3
Financial, budgetary and administrative matters

The Executive Board will consider the integrated budget estimates for the biennium 2018-2019. The budget is the financial plan that allows the organization to have the financial and institutional capacity to achieve the results of its Strategic Plan, and covers all cost categories and funding sources, both regular and other resources, within a single, consolidated proposal. The integrated budget for the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is grounded in results-based management principles and aligned with the integrated results framework of its Strategic Plan. In order to deliver on the integrated results framework, UN-Women will continue to engage Member States and other partners, in particular to increase regular resources, the bedrock of its activities, as underscored in the quadrennial comprehensive policy review.

The Executive Board will also be presented with the management response to the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Documentation

Integrated budget estimates for UN-Women for the biennium 2018-2019 (UNW/2017/7)

Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)

Management response to the report of the ACABQ

Item 4
Structured dialogue on financing

The Executive Board will consider a report on structured dialogue on financing. Pursuant to decisions 2014/6, 2015/5 and 2016/4 of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), this report is submitted as a part of the structured dialogue on the financing of the strategic plan, 2018-2021. The dialogue is held in the context of the General Assembly resolution 71/243 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of operational activities for the United Nations system.

This report situates UN-Women's efforts within a maturation framework that charts the Entity's capacity to engage in a structured dialogue on financing with Member States and to guide its efforts to increase and sustain regular resource contributions, increase high-quality other-resource funding, and continuously strengthen mechanisms for the efficient and effective use and reporting of funds received. The report explores how the organization has fared recently in mobilizing resources and how resources were allocated to its strategic priorities, which are reviewed in the context of the proposed strategic plan 2018-2021 and specifically the Institutional Budget for 2018-2019.

Documentation

Report on structured dialogue on financing (UNW/2017/8)

Item 5
Audit matters

The Executive Board will consider a briefing regarding the financial report and audited financial statements, and the report of the Board of Auditors, for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Documentation

Briefing regarding the report of the Board of Auditors for 2016

Management response to the report of the Board of Auditors for 2016

Item 6
Evaluation

The Executive Board will be presented with findings of a meta-analysis of evaluations conducted in 2016. The analysis aggregated and synthesized evidence generated from 36 evaluations, covering 52 countries. The meta-analysis considers

insights based on the OECD-DAC criteria of assessing development effectiveness. The analysis also provides a forwarding looking insights on selected drivers of change identified in the draft Strategic Plan 2018-2021.

Documentation

Meta-analysis of evaluations managed by UN-Women in 2016 (UNW/2017/CRP.10)

Corporate Evaluation Plan 2018-2021

Item 7
Field visit

The Executive Board will be presented with a report of the joint field visit of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services and the Executive Boards of the United Nations Children's Fund, UN-Women and the World Food Programme to Nepal, which took place from 14 to 22 April 2017.

The Executive Board will also be presented with a report on the UN-Women field visit to India, which took place from 23 to 26 April 2017.

Documentation

Report on the joint field visit of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services and the Executive Boards of the United Nations Children's Fund, UN-Women and the World Food Programme to Nepal

Report on UN-Women field visit to India

Item 8
Other matters

The Executive Board will discuss and take action on any other issue that may arise.

Documentation

No advance documentation is expected.

Workplan

Day	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Tuesday, 29 August	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		Opening of the session
			• Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of UN-Women
		1	Organizational matters
			• Adoption of the annotated provisional agenda and workplan of the second regular session of 2017
			• Adoption of the report on the annual session of 2017
		2	Strategic Plan
			• United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women Strategic Plan 2018-2021
		3	Financial, budgetary and administrative matters
			• Integrated budget estimates for UN-Women for the biennium 2018-2019
			• Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and its management response
			Informal consultations on draft decisions
	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	2	Strategic Plan (*continued*)
		3	Financial, budgetary and administrative matters (*continued*)
			Informal consultations on draft decisions
Wednesday, 30 August	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	4	Structured dialogue on financing
			• Report on the structured dialogue on financing
		5	Audit matters
			• Management response to the report of the Board of Auditors on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016
			Briefing on the operational response at country level: Rwanda

		Informal consultations on draft decisions
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	6	Evaluation • Meta-analysis of evaluations managed by UN-Women, 2016 • Related management response • Corporate Evaluation Plan 2018-2021
	7	Field visit • Report on the joint field visit of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services and the Executive Boards of the United Nations Children's Fund, UN-Women and the World Food Programme to Nepal. • Report on the field visit of the Executive Board of UN-Women to India
	8	Other matters
		Adoption of draft decisions
	1	Organizational matters • Approval of the provisional agenda and workplan for the first regular session of 2018 • Discussion of the draft annual workplan for 2018
		Closing of the session • Statements by the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of UN-Women and the President of the Executive Board